

IN THE CLAIMS

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method for applying toppings to baked goods comprising the steps of:

applying a starch-based solution onto a surface of the baked goods after baking to form a treated surface; and

applying toppings onto the treated surface of the baked goods,

~~The method of claim 1,~~ wherein the step of applying the starch-based solution onto the surface of the baked goods ~~including~~ includes the steps of:

transporting the baked goods beneath spray nozzles, said spray nozzles located within a spray chamber and in communication with a source of the starch-based solution; and

spraying the solution onto a surface of the baked goods as the baked goods are moved proximal the spray nozzles.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further including the steps of:
detecting the proximity of the baked goods to the spray nozzles; and
activating the spray nozzles responsive to a positive detection of the baked goods.

6. (Canceled)

7-22. (Withdrawn)